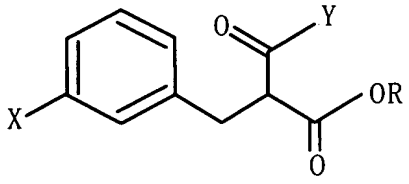
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An acid halide derivative represented by following Formula (I):

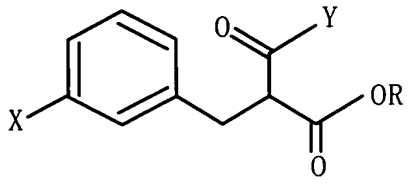


(I)

wherein X and Y may be the same or different and are each a halogen atom; and R is a lower alkyl group.

2. The acid halide derivative according to claim 1, wherein X and Y are chlorine atoms and R is a methyl group in Formula (I).

3. A process for producing an acid halide derivative represented by following Formula (I):

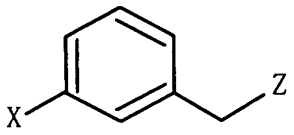


(I)

wherein X and Y may be the same or different and are each a halogen atom; and R is a lower alkyl group, the process comprising the steps of:

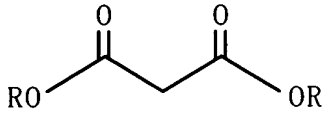
(A) allowing a benzyl halide derivative represented by

following Formula (II):



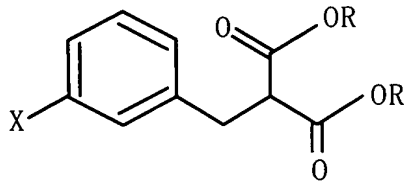
(II)

wherein X is as defined above; Z is a halogen atom, and X and Z may be the same or different, to react with a malonic diester represented by following Formula (III):



(III)

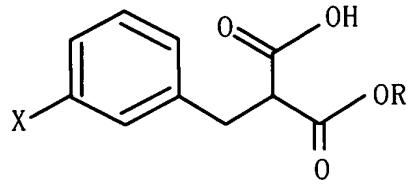
wherein R is a lower alkyl group, in the presence of a base to yield a malonic diester derivative represented by following Formula (IV):



(IV)

wherein X and R are as defined above;

(B) hydrolyzing the malonic diester derivative represented by Formula (IV) to yield a malonic monoester derivative represented by following Formula (V):

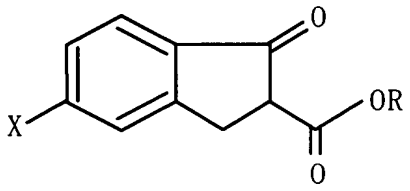


(V)

wherein X and R are as defined above; and

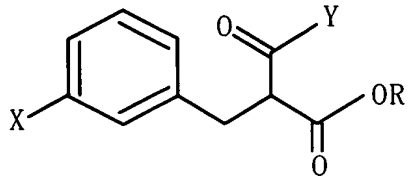
(C) allowing the malonic monoester derivative represented by Formula (V) to react with a halogenating agent to yield the acid halide derivative represented by Formula (I).

4. A process for producing an indanonecarboxylic acid ester represented by following Formula (VI):



(VI)

wherein X is a halogen atom; and R is a lower alkyl group, the process comprising the step of cyclizing an acid halide derivative represented by following Formula (I):



(I)

wherein X and R are as defined above; Y is a halogen atom, and X and Y may be the same or different, in the presence of a catalyst to yield the indanonecarboxylic acid ester represented by Formula (VI).

5. The process according to claim 4, wherein the

catalyst is anhydrous aluminum chloride.

6. The process according to claim 4 or 5, wherein X is a chlorine atom and R is a methyl group.